

House Resolution 131 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
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1 4 HEDDENS, ROBERTS, BAILEY, SODERBERG, DEYOE,
1 5 GASKILL, GRANZOW, RAYHONS, UPMAYER, HUSEMAN,
1 6 GAYMAN, JACOBS, HOFFMAN, PALMER, TYMESON,
1 7 HORBACH, WENDT, CHAMBERS, PETTENGILL,
1 8 VAN FOSSEN, MERTZ, and JACOBY
1 9 A Resolution celebrating the 100th birthday of the
1 10 United States Army Reserve, honoring the commitment,
1 11 dedication, and service to America, and wishing for
1 12 its continued support to our soldiers.
1 13 WHEREAS, in 1908, the nation's leaders, knowing
1 14 that the most up-to-date medical experience resided in
1 15 the civilian sector, created the first reservoir of
1 16 trained officers in a reserve status known as the
1 17 Medical Reserve Corps; and
1 18 WHEREAS, today, over 67 percent of the Army's
1 19 medical assets lie within the Army Reserve; and
1 20 WHEREAS, in 1916, Congress passed the National
1 21 Defense Act, creating the Officers' Reserve Corps, the
1 22 Enlisted Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers'
1 23 Training Corps, later named the Organized Reserve
1 24 Corps (ORC), all of which are forerunners of the
1 25 current Army Reserve; and
1 26 WHEREAS, in World War I, 89,500 reserve officers
1 27 were mobilized and during World War II, 200,000
1 28 members of the ORC participated, with reserve officers
1 29 providing 29 percent of the Army's officers; and
1 30 WHEREAS, in 1952, legislation renamed the ORC as
2 1 the Army Reserve and then divided it into three
2 2 reserves, a Ready Reserve, a Standby Reserve, and a
2 3 Retired Reserve, and also provided reserve units with
2 4 24 initial training days and up to 17 days of annual
2 5 training; and
2 6 WHEREAS, the Army Reserve has been an integral part
2 7 of numerous conflicts with more than 70 Army Reserve
2 8 units deployed to the Korean Peninsula, more than
2 9 84,000 soldiers providing combat support and combat
2 10 service support during Operation Desert Shield/Storm,
2 11 and others providing support in Somalia, Haiti,
2 12 Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation
2 13 Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and
2 14 WHEREAS, the role of the Army Reserve has changed
2 15 over time, moving from a Strategic Reserve to an
2 16 Operational Force, providing resources and training to
2 17 first-responder organizations across the nation,
2 18 training soldiers, implementing national objectives,
2 19 keeping the Army mobile, and enabling the Army to do
2 20 more with fewer resources; and
2 21 WHEREAS, the Army Reserve makes up 20 percent of
2 22 the Army's organized units, but provides one-half of
2 23 the Army's combat support and one-fourth of its
2 24 mobilization base expansion capabilities; NOW
2 25 THEREFORE,
2 26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 27 That the members of the House of Representatives, by
2 28 this resolution, celebrate the 100th birthday of the
2 29 United States Army Reserve, honor its service to
2 30 America, and wish them another century of continued
3 1 support.
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